"Each year, the Congressional Art Competition allows Valley students to demonstrate their extraordinary artistic talent," said Costa. "This year's winners are no exception, and I look forward to viewing Adam's inspiring work in our nation's capitol."

Since 1982, the Congressional Art Competition has honored the creative talents of thousands of high school students across the nation. Local competitions are voluntarily hosted by Members of Congress in their home districts. In June, the winning artwork is sent to Washington, and winners are invited to the Capitol for a ribbon-cutting ceremony and Congressional reception. The competition receives over 500 entries every year.

Sara Flowers, of Hanford West High School, won second place with a piece titled "Self-Portrait," and the third place winner was Maria D. Salcido, of McFarland High School, with a piece titled "Rising Son."

Costa will honor the winners at an event starting at 5:30 pm (PDT) on Friday, May 14th at the United Security Bank Building, first floor. The address is 855 M Street, Fresno, CA 93721. Members of the media are invited to attend.